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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6141**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1022

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 27, 2006

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 23, 2006

**SUBJECT:** State Fair Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Ruppel

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. Merritt

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) The bill authorizes the chair of the State Fair Advisory Committee or a member of the committee designated by the chair to serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the State Fair Commission.

It provides that the term of certain members of the Commission begins October 1 and expires September 30 of the fourth year following the appointment. A member currently serving on the Commission is extended for an additional three months.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the State Fair Advisory Committee.)

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The bill authorizes the chair of the State Fair Advisory Committee or a member of the committee designated by the chair to serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the State Fair Commission. The State Fair Advisory Committee is composed of eight state legislators. However, the bill does not specify that the legislator is to receive per diem and mileage expenses established by the Legislative Council and paid to members of the General Assembly serving on interim study committees. If the legislator were entitled to reimbursement, per diem, mileage, and travel allowances, it would be paid from appropriations made to the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency. Total additional expenses are estimated at less than \$3,000.

*Background Information.* The Commission is a separate body, corporate and politic. The Commission is not

a state agency. Currently, the Commission consists of eight members. Each member who is not a state employee is entitled to per diem. Such a member is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties. Each member who is a state employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties. Existing statute specifies that the Commission must pay expenses of the Commission.

Also under existing law, the Commission must submit an annual report to the Governor, the Budget Committee, and the General Assembly. The report must set forth a complete operating and financial statement of the Commission for the year.

The Commission does not receive appropriations from the state General Fund. However, for 2005, the State Fair Commission received approximately \$6.2 M in riverboat revenue; \$350,000 in parimutuel off-track betting revenue; and approximately \$2.3 M from the state property tax. For 2005, the Commission had a budget of \$12.2 M, with expenses totaling \$10.5 M and with a capital projects budget of \$1.7 M.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State Fair Commission, Legislative Council, Legislative Services Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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